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AMENDMENT & REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Bellevue, Washington 98004

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TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE:

In response to the Final Office Action dated February 16, 2006, applicants request that the above-identified application be amended as set forth below and that the Examiner reconsider the application in view of these amendments and the Remarks that follow. This Amendment is being submitted with an Request for Continued Examination (RCE). The claims are amended as set forth below.